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Quiet Session Predicted For St. Louis Convention

ST. LOUIS (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, will assemble here in annual business session June 1-3 for what the president of the convention, predicts will be a "quiet meeting."

About 15,000 Baptists are expected to attend the sessions at Kiel Auditorium here, beginning Tuesday morning, June 1 and adjourning at noon Thursday, June 3.

Carl E. Bates, president of the 11.6-million member convention and

pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., said in an interview with Baptist Press that "so far as I can analyze it, I've heard of no major issues at this point" that can be expected to erupt at the convention.

Bates said it probably would be a "routine" session with the emphasis on conducting the business of the denomination.

Several major business items are on the agenda for the convention, but Bates said he did not expect any to spark unusual debate of discussion.

The convention will act on recommendations from its Executive Committee calling for a \$24.6 million operating program unified budget for the first nine months of 1972 leading up to a new fiscal year, and a second-year recommendation to eliminate its hospital agency operation.

Bates, serving his first term as president of the convention, is expected to be re-elected for a traditional second term.

Last June in Denver the convention voted 5,394 to 2,170 in favor of a motion asking the SBC publishing house, the Sunday School Board, to withdraw Volume One of the new Broadman Bible Commentary.

The action called on the publisher to have the commentary volume, on Genesis and Exodus rewritten "with due consideration of the conservative viewpoint."

When asked if this matter would come up again this year, Bates replied, "I feel we are obligated by the action in Denver to give the Sunday School Board a real chance to resolve the matter."

Neither Bates, nor any of the Baptist state paper editors, indicated knowledge of any organized move of individual plans to present a motion on this issue at St. Louis.

A total of about five hours will be devoted to conducting the business of the convention, according to the proposed program released by the committee on order of business.

Most of the Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted to business, including action on recommendations from the SBC Executive Committee, election of officers, introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions, and receiving and acting upon reports from SBC agencies and organizations.

The SBC Executive Committee is expected to present the recommended budget of \$24.6 million for the first nine months of 1972. The operating budget section for the nine-month period is equal to the same operating budget for a similar nine-month period in 1971, with no increases recommended for the 19 agencies receiving budget funds.

Another major recommendation from the Executive Committee would dissolve the Hospital Agency of the SBC, on second reading.

Last year, the convention set up a procedure for getting out of the hospital business by immediately giving two hospitals in New Orleans and Jackson, La., to a corporation called Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., and



Downtown St. Louis, Mo., as Seen Through Famous Arch

MC To Award Five Honorary Doctorates At Commencement



Sen. James Eastland Dr. Wesley Hall Dr. Billy Guyton Dr. Carl Bates Rev. Larry Rohman

Five outstanding men representing the fields of government, medicine and religion will receive honorary doctorate degrees from Mississippi College during the Baptist college's annual commencement on Sunday, May 30.

Scheduled to receive the degrees are Senator James O. Eastland, Mississippi's senior United States Senator; Dr. Wesley W. Hall, president-elect of the American Medical Association;

Dr. Billy S. Guyton, dean emeritus of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine; Dr. Carl E. Bates, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Rev. Larry G. Rohman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson.

Sen. Eastland and Dr. Bates will receive the doctor of laws degree, Dr. Hall and Dr. Guyton the doctor of science degree, and Mr. Rohman the doctor of divinity degree.

The commencement ceremonies are

scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. in Jackson's City Auditorium, with Sen. Eastland delivering the principal address. Rev. Rohman will conduct a brief baccalaureate service.

All five men have distinguished themselves in their particular fields of service.

SEN. EASTLAND

Sen. Eastland, an attorney and farmer, is now in his 29th year representing the state in Washington. He has become a living symbol of conservative leadership in the Senate.

A native of Doddsville, Sen. Eastland moved to Scott County with his family in 1905. He was reared there, attending schools in the county, enrolling at the University of Mississippi, and later attending Vanderbilt University and the University of Alabama.

After studying law, he was admitted to the bar in 1927 and began his practice at Forest. It was there in 1928 that he started his political career, being elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives. In 1934 he returned to Sunflower County to farm and practice law.

He was appointed to the United States Senate in 1941 to fill a vacancy and in Nov., 1942, was elected to a full six-year term in his own right. Unopposed at the end of his first term in 1949, he was re-elected for the terms beginning in 1955, 1961, and 1967. He will round out his third decade in the Senate in 1972 and be up

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'72-73 State Program To Be Subject Of Two Meetings

Two meetings, sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and beamed to a particular group of associational workers, has been announced for May 25 and 27.

These two meetings, one for north Mississippi at First Baptist Church, Grenada, May 25, and the other for South Mississippi at First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg May 27, are for the purpose of providing a digest of the recommended Convention program for 1972-73, followed by a period of discussion.

Those urged to attend the meeting most convenient are all superintendents of missions, all moderators,

and all associational Sunday School Directors, Church Training Directors, and Evangelism Directors.

Announcement of the meetings was made jointly by Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, and Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, chairman of the committee planning the 1972 Sunday School Enlargement, Survey and Training Emphasis.

In emphasizing the importance of the meetings both Dr. Hudgins and Mr. Cummings said that these recommended plans for 1972-73 will have a direct relationship to the work of our state, association and local churches.

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Over 800 Expected From Mississippi

More than 800 Mississippi Baptists are expected to attend the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention to meet June 1-3 in Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Mo.

While no Mississippian is listed on the suggested program, many from the state will be participating in the session, serving on committees, taking part in discussion, and possibly other ways.

Several related meetings will be held just prior to and after the convention, in which numerous Mississippians will be performing.

This will be one of the shortest Convention sessions in history, beginning at 9:15 Tuesday morning and closing at noon on Thursday. There will be no Wednesday afternoon session.

Mississippians will be especially interested this year because the president of the Convention is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College. He is Dr. Carl Bates,

pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

He hails from Liberty and Dr. Bates has been quoted as saying that he "expects a quiet session" this year in St. Louis.

Mississippi members of committees that will report to the Convention follow:

North American Baptist Fellowship, Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Baptist State Papers, Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson; boards, Rev. Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, and Moran M. Pope, Hattiesburg.

The Executive Committee of the Convention will meet just prior to the Convention opening.

State members are Mr. Cooper; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, and T. Cooper Walton, Jackson.

Dr. Howard H. Aultman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, will speak at the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference on the subject of "God's Prophet and His Motive."

His message will be at 9:40 a.m. in Kiel where the Conference will meet on Monday, May 31.

Mrs. David Hicks, WMU leader from First Baptist Church, Oxford, will speak at the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, which will be held in the Opera House of Kiel Auditorium on Monday, May 31.

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Court Dismisses Suit Against Augusta's First Baptist Church

ATLANTA (BP) — The Supreme Court of Georgia, after three years of legal action, dismissed a suit against First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga., filed by 14 of its members seeking to prevent the historic church from moving to the suburbs.

In a unanimous ruling, the state Supreme Court upheld the judgment of a Richmond County Superior Court Judge William M. Fleming Jr., who had ruled that "there is no genuine issue as to any material fact." The action is hereby dismissed, with all costs of court to be paid by the plaintiffs.

In 1968, 14 members of the historic church secured a court injunction seeking to block the sale of the church's downtown facilities, after the congregation had voted by a four to one margin to sell the buildings and move to a new site on Walton Way Extension in west Augusta.

The protest members had claimed that the historic nature of the present site, and the beauty of the sanctuary,

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Missionary Appointments Up Over Year Ago

RICHMOND (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting here appointed 11 new missionaries and four missionary associates in May, bringing the number of missionary appointments for the year to 55, which is 21 more than the number appointed by the same date in 1970.

Appointed were Mr. and Mrs. James E. Castlen of Fort Worth, formerly of Bogalusa, La., for the Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. William E.

Goff of Eastland, Tex., for Venezuela; Miss Ida Mae Hays of Oklahoma City for Brazil; Dr. and Mrs. John F. McCoy Jr., of Edgewood Arsenal, Md., for Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Mann of Brownwood, Tex., for the Dominican Republic; and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Mason of Fort Worth for India.

Employed for four-year terms as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Bergquist Jr., of Col-

lege Park, Ga., for Taiwan; and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Glass of Bristol, Tenn., for the Philippines.

In an earlier business session the board adopted a resolution in tribute to the late Lucius M. Polhill of Richmond who died suddenly May 9. Polhill was chairman of the board's administrative committee and served on two other committees at the time of his death.

He had been a board member since 1967. The Georgia native had served on the executive staffs of the Georgia, Kentucky and Virginia Baptist conventions and had held pastorates in each of those states. He was executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia prior to his retirement in 1967.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, presented M. Hunter Riggins Jr., immediate past president of the board, a plaque in appreciation for his services and recognized other members who are rotating off the board this month.

The executive secretary called attention to the projected meeting of the board in Jackson, Miss., April 17-19, 1972.

The board accepted an invitation from the Alabama Baptist State Convention to hold a semiannual meeting in Mobile, April 9-11, 1973. Jaroy Weber, board member and pastor of Nauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, offered that church's facilities for the 1973 meeting.

R. Keith Parks, the board's secretary for Southeast Asia, reported on developments in Baptist work in South Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia - Singapore and the Philippines.

He reported that the organization of southern Baptist missionaries in South Vietnam has been officially recognized as "A relief and social

welfare organization" by the Vietnamese minister of social welfare.

The minister expressed "appreciation and surprise at the amount of service our missionaries were rendering without requesting special favors and financial advantage from the Vietnamese government," Parks said.

The minister also "was amazed" that the missionaries had sought recognition by the Vietnamese government rather than the U.S. government, Parks said. This was done deliberately to avoid a wartime identity and demonstrate a long-term involvement with the Vietnamese people, he explained.

Parks and his family will live in Singapore for approximately one year, beginning in June, according to an earlier board action.

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Cothen Is Inaugurated At Seminary

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — During his inauguration as president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here, Grady C. Cothen urged all six Southern Baptist seminaries to quit competing and instead emphasize cooperative planning to improve theological education.

He said such cooperative planning by all the seminaries might rally their alumni around the cause of theological education "instead of putting them against each other in competition for support."

"In a time of polarizing around issues when name calling is easier than problem solving, if a time when it is obvious that financial support may shortly diminish, we have a remarkable opportunity to demonstrate to Southern Baptists and to the world a genuinely cooperative effort in theological education," Cothen said.

"The overall welfare of the Southern Baptist Convention and its theological education enterprise needs a new communion of cooperation in planning our corporate future," he emphasized.

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COTHEN INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT: Grady C. Cothen, new president of New Baptist Seminary, accepts a pendant with an inscribed seal of the seminary, signifying his investiture as the sixth president of the seminary. A. Morgan Brian Jr., (center left), New Orleans attorney and chairman of the seminary's board of trustees, placed the pendant around his neck.—BP Photo by James A. Lester.

MC To Award Doctorates Over 800...From Mississippi

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for reelection for the term beginning in Jan., 1973.

Sen. Eastland has been a U. S. Senator from Mississippi longer than any man in history. His five terms have seen him rise to the top in seniority among his colleagues.

DR. HALL

Dr. Hall, an alumnus of Mississippi College, was chosen president-elect of the American Medical Association in 1970 after serving as vice-chairman and chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has been active in the AMA since 1952.

Currently senior consultant in surgery, orthopedics and gynecology at Washoe Medical Center and St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nev., Dr. Hall represents the fifth generation of medical men in his family.

The sixth generation is represented

by his sons, Wesley, Jr., who will complete his surgical residency at the University of Colorado Hospital in June, 1971, and Lee David, who will complete his first year of medical school at the University of Oregon at the same time.

After practicing medicine in his native Mississippi for eight years, Dr. Hall moved to Nevada and has practiced there for the past 26 years.

He helped write the legislative proposal that resulted in the establishment of the medical practice act which set up a rigid basic science exam for licensure in the state of Nevada. He was a charter member of the Reno Surgical Society.

Dr. Guyton

One of the leaders in medical circles in Mississippi for many years, Dr. Guyton was dean of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine from 1935 to 1944 when he was named dean emeritus.

Dr. Guyton is a native of Blue Mountain and is the holder of five earned degrees. He received the bachelor of science degree from Mississippi College, the bachelor of science and master of arts degree from the University of Mississippi, the doctor of medicine degree from the University of Virginia and the doctor of ophthalmology degree from the University of Colorado.

He served as professor of pathology and bacteriology at Ole Miss from 1915 to 1920; of surgery from 1920 to 1930; and instructor in minor surgery from 1930 to 1933, then was named dean.

Dr. Guyton is a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, American College of Surgeons, Inter-National College of Surgeons, American Medical Association; a diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology; a member and past-president of the Louisiana - Mississippi Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology Society; past-president of the Mississippi State Medical Association; past-president of the Mississippi Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society; and a member of Sigma Chi and Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Bates

Dr. Bates is a native of Liberty and received his early education in the schools of that area. After graduating from high school, he attended Southwest Mississippi Junior College and Mississippi College.

He entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and graduated with the bachelor and master's degree in theology. The honorary degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by Baylor University.

Dr. Bates served as pastor of several rural churches while a student at the seminary and after graduation became pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Winchester, Ky.

In 1950 he became pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C., and has served there since. He was president of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in 1958-67 and serves as a member of the General Board of the State Convention.

Dr. Bates has served his denomination as a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School Board of the SBC, and the Home Mission Board. He was president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in 1961-62 and was elected president of the SBC in June 1970.

Mr. Rohman

One of the youngest individuals ever to receive an honorary degree from Mississippi College, Rev. Rohman was ordained to the gospel ministry 13 years ago by the Seventh and James Baptist Church in Waco, Texas.

He received the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University and the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also done additional graduate work at the University of Alabama.

His first pastorate was the Val Verde Baptist Church in Holland, Texas. Since then he has served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, the Temple Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa, Ala., the First Baptist Church of Biloxi, and currently is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson.

Since joining the Jackson church in November, 1969, membership has increased by 618 people as of April 1971, including 155 by baptism and 468 by letter or statement. The church is currently in an expansion program and many other new programs have been instituted.

Rev. Rohman was awarded the Distinguished Service Citation by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for his work following Hurricane Camille.

(Dr. Guyton passed away on Sunday night, May 16 and the award to him will be made posthumously, college officials said.)

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Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president of the state Baptist WMU, is by virtue of her office a vice-president of Southern Baptist WMU.

Bill Souther, minister of music and youth education at the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, will be directing music for the Southern Baptist Religious Education Conference, and is responsible for special music presentations during the conference, which will be held Sunday and Monday, May 30-31.

Mrs. Karen Singleton, also from the First Baptist Church, will be the featured soloist. The 100 Voice "Sound Sensation" from the church will sing the pre-session music, sing before each featured speaker, and will present a "Sing In" in the lobby of the Chase-Park Plaza Hotel Sunday and Monday evenings following the conference sessions.

Durr Walker, First Baptist Church organist, will accompany Mrs. Singleton and the Sound Sensation on each of their musical presentations, and Rev. P. A. Michel, pastor of the church will pronounce the benediction.

The musicians will leave Brookhaven on two chartered buses, Saturday morning, May 29, at 7:30 a.m. and will return Tuesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The 100 Voice "Sound Sensations" will carry with them the title of "official ambassadors of goodwill" from the state.

"The Naturals," from Mississippi College, under direction of Dr. Jack Lyall, director of Fine Arts Division



Alumni Give First \$1000

William Carey College Alumni Association president, Dr. James Pinson, left, presents a check in photo above to Dr. J. V. McCrory for Library Development. Dr. McCrory, chairman of the Carey English Department, is also chairman of the library committee. 1971 has been designated by the Carey Alumni Association as Library Development year and the 2nd Annual Alumni Fund Drive is emphasizing this goal. Dr. Pinson, the 1971 Carey Alumni president, was graduated from Carey in 1950 and holds the PhD in chemistry from Ole Miss. He is now on the chemistry faculty at USM.

A Suggestion For Harmony

By Chester E. Swer

I have not been present in recent annual sessions of our Southern Baptist Convention and have not, therefore, experienced the sessions in which tensions reportedly ran high. In my continuing travels, however, I sense from both those who attended the sessions and those who heard of the tension-taut times that there is a genuine hunger that the St. Louis Convention in early June may be a time of tension-free planning, discussion, worship, and fellowship, permitting messengers to go home with a glow of happy unity in their hearts.

While not for a moment suggesting that any messenger fail to express the conviction of his heart or the sentiment of his mind in any issues which may arise — for such a suggestion would be foreign to both my own convictions and to the "freedom to be heard" which makes our annual meetings truly meaningful — I am suggesting that we do our best this year to be completely Christian in spirit, regardless of the "side" of an issue we support.

With genuine respect for the right of others to hold differing opinions, with recognition of their sincerity in their differing views, with voices warm with fellowship and respect and calm in tempo and temperature, we can discuss even controversial matters in a quiet spirit of Christian amity.

Suggestions

As a long-time devotee to Baptist life and polity, in the spirit of wanting the best for our Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, prompted by nobody, motivated only by a great desire that our June meeting be a source of great power to all of us, I am offering these suggestions:

1. That all of us pray daily between now and the St. Louis Convention that this meeting may be one of great spiritual power and heartening fellowship. Even those who do not plan to attend may well include this petition in their daily prayer times.

of the college, will render special music at the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference to be held at the First Baptist Church of St. Johns, Friday and Saturday, June 4-5.

They will appear on program at 6:15 Friday evening.

A Laymen's Forum on missions involvement will be held at the Lennox Hotel on Wednesday June 2 as a luncheon meeting at the time scheduled for alumni meetings.

Two Missisippians will speak at this meeting, Gene Triggs and Mr. Cooper, both of Yazoo City.

This meeting will be in addition to another laymen's meeting to be held Monday, May 31.

Court Dismisses - - -

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dictated remaining at the present location. The Southern Baptist Convention was organized at the site in 1845, but not in the present building.

R. Jack Robinson, pastor of the church, said he regretted that the dissenting members resorted to legal action, "because Baptists everywhere are aware that the local church is controlled by majority rule."

In the ruling handed down earlier this year, Judge Fleming had reaffirmed the right of the majority of the church membership to control its own affairs, including the right to relocate.

Robinson, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, said the main factors in the decision to move to the suburbs included the lack of education and parking space downtown, the inability for expansion of the current facilities, and the feeling that "we were just closed in" at the downtown location.

Robinson said that appropriate historical markers would be placed at the present location, marking it as the birthplace of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The chairman of the church's building committee, T. Richard Daniel, said after the Supreme Court ruling that plans to begin to build new facilities at the new location, six miles from downtown, would begin immediately.

A property disposition committee was also authorized to proceed with its task, and architects were instructed to draw plans for the new building on Walton Way Extension immediately.

Missionary - - -

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The board members were also told that Miss Ione Gray, international writer and editor for the board, will depart May 16 for Ruschlikon Switzerland, where she will be interim director of European Baptist Press Service for 18 months. The board had earlier taken action on her assignment.

Everett L. Deane, treasurer, announced that the Board's cash income for the first quarter of 1971 was \$22,597,385, an increase of 5.27 per cent over the same period last year.



Southwestern Names Distinguished Alumni

Three Southwestern Seminary graduates whose accomplishments include preaching, teaching, writing, denominational work and foreign missions service will be honored as 1971 Distinguished Alumni at the Southwestern alumni luncheon in St. Louis

June 2. Joe Davis Heacock, left, (MRE 29, DRE 50), Agnes D. Pylant (MRE 39), center, and Frank K. Means (ThM 38, ThD 45) will be awarded the seminary's highest recognition of graduates during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Quiet Sessions Are Predicted

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phasing out in 1971 the corporation called the Hospital Agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Other recommendations from the Executive Committee to the SBC deal with relationships and program assignments for several SBC agencies, program promotion plans for denominational emphases in 1973-74, and a proposal that the 1976 convention meet in Norfolk, Va.

The Executive Committee will also report on a study of the basis of representation at the convention, recommending no change in the current system.

Only three major addresses are scheduled during the convention, including Bates' presidential address, the annual convention sermon by John R. Claypool, pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, and a message by the president of the Baptist World Alliance, V. Carney Hargroves, retired pastor from Philadelphia, Pa.

Following an hour-long presentation of foreign missions, the convention will feature a joint commissioning service for newly-appointed home and foreign missionaries on Wednesday evening.

Baptist students, led by a group of state Baptist Student Union presidents will make multi-media presentation on what youth are trying to do through the church, during the Wednesday morning session. A message on theological education by Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, also will be featured Wednesday.

The convention will close Thursday at noon following an hour-long presentation on "Meeting the Challenge of the Cities of the World," depicting efforts by all SBC agencies. The presentation will be coordinated by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Several related nationwide Baptist conventions will meet in connection with the SBC. The Southern Baptist Factories' Conference, involving about 5,000 persons, will meet Monday. In simultaneous sessions also will be the Woman's Missionary Union Convention, an auxiliary to the SBC.

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will meet on Sunday and Monday, May 30-31; the Southern Baptist Evangelists' Conference will convene Wednesday, June 2, and the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, June 4-5.

Students Plan "Speak Up" Feature At SBC

ST. LOUIS (BP) — An estimated 100 to 200 Baptist students are expected to attend the Southern Baptist Convention June 1-3 here, and for the first time have part on the official convention program.

The students will present music, testimonies, slides and narration depicting what they are trying to do through the church in the world, and will man an exhibit booth featuring a slide presentation and dialogue.

Theme for the student presentation,

Mrs. O. H. Roberts Dies In Jackson

Funeral services for Mrs. O. H. Roberts, 77, of 749 Arbor Vista Blvd., Jackson, were held from Wright and Ferguson Chapel May 17 with Rev. Louis Smith, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, and Rev. Gordon Sansing, officiating.

Mrs. Roberts died May 14, at Baptist Hospital, after a brief illness. She was the mother of Jack Roberts, supervisor of the Printing Department at the Baptist Building.

She was the former Annie H. Goza, native of Grenada, and had been a resident of Jackson for the past 42 years. She was the widow of Oscar Harris Roberts who preceded her in death in December of 1968. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, John R. Roberts of New York, N.Y., and Jack G. Roberts of Jackson; two grandchildren, Michael John Roberts and Cynthia Diane Roberts of Jackson; two brothers; and one sister.

scheduled at 10:10 a.m., Wednesday, June 1, will be, "Students Speak Up."

"The biggest thing we hope to accomplish is to create a better atmosphere, a better rapport, between students and Southern Baptist Convention," said Bob Young, a senior at Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.

Young, chairman of the six-member student steering committee that is planning student participation at the convention, further explained that the attitude in the SBC seems to be that "students and the older generation are poles apart."

"We want to help the older generation see that we can work together through the church, and that we really want to help meet the needs of the world, if the church will let us," said Young, president of the Baptist Student Union (BSU) in Tennessee.

The six-member steering committee planning student participation at the SBC is composed of the state BSU presidents for Tennessee, Texas, Missouri, Georgia, Virginia and Colorado.

Young said that the students requested, and were granted, a 20-minute spot on the program by the convention's committee on order of business.

In their presentation, the students will present music by The Bridge, a folk music group sponsored by the Baptist Student Union at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, a solo by Mrs. Bill Estes of Nashville, a graduate student at George Peabody College, and testimonies by three students active in the Baptist Student Union.

Speaking will be David Dixon, immediate past president of the Baptist Student Union of Texas and student at North Texas State University, Denton; Miss Louis Weaver, new president of the Virginia BSU and student at Radford College, Radford Va.; and Joe Wylie, football star at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Coordinating the continuity, narration and visual aspects of the presentation will be Darrell Baergen, professor at Southwest Texas State Teachers' College, San Marcos, Tex.

In addition to the 20-minute spot on the convention program, the students will have a dialogue room behind their exhibit where students and adults can discuss any topic openly and freely on an unstructured basis.

Young, however, said he hoped adults attending the convention would not confuse the students participating in the St. Louis convention with a group called "Baptist Students Concerned" which picketted the SBC in Houston and New Orleans in 1968 and 1969.

"Some people will automatically associate us with Baptist Students Concerned, but I really don't anticipate that problem" after the convention begins, Young said.

Earlier this year, Dixon, one of the steering committee members, wrote an "open letter" to Baptist students involved in BSU organizations across the country, urging them to attend the

St. Louis convention, and to participate as elected church messengers.

Dixon said the students got the idea for participating on the convention after discussing the matter with Carl Bates, president of the convention at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly last summer during student week. In December, the convention's committee on order of business approved the idea, and the six-member steering committee was organized to plan the program.

Dixon said in the open letter that the purpose of the presentation was "to evolve a multi-media program concerned with motivating students, laymen and ministers to become involved both individually and corporately in meeting the needs of our world."

In a telephone interview, Dixon added that he hoped it would also "help students to feel more of a part of the SBC." He observed that often students "feel left out," but added quickly that he did not feel convention leaders feel they should be "left out." "They are open and responsive to use," Dixon said.

Young said that a Monday afternoon orientation and planning session would be held at Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, May 31, at 3:00 p.m., for all students attending. Purpose of the meeting would be to plan schedules for manning the booth, hear from SBC leaders on how the convention operates, and share views on "why we have come."

Young also pointed out that the student participation and part of the program is being financed by the students themselves, and the state Baptist Student Union organizations. Earlier, Young sent a letter to each state BSU organization requesting financial support.

The St. Louis Baptist Student Union Center, will provide some free housing on a dormitory - type basis for the students who need accommodations.

Bill Blase, BSU director for colleges in the St. Louis area, said he was planning for about 100 students. Young said he expected about 200 to attend.

Blase said housing would be available for students who bring bedrolls and sleeping bags at the Baptist Student Center, 8230 Natural Bridge Road; at the Christ Memorial Baptist Church gymnasium, and the Friendship House of Third Baptist Church.

Blase, and two other SBC workers with students, W. Howard Bramlette of the SBC Education Commission and Miss Nell Magee of the National Campus Ministries of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, were asked by the committee on order of business to work with the student steering committee as "advisors" on the presentation.

Other students on the steering committee are Bob Marlow of University of Colorado, Denver; Frank Cofer of the University of Georgia, Athens; Stan Barnhill of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.; and Stan Smith of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.

Revival Results



McDowell Road Church, Jackson: Moody Adams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, evangelist; 730 decisions; 196 professions of faith; The meeting had to be moved into the church's gymnasium, and then closed circuit TV had to be piped back to the auditorium. Among the converts were three young men who were using hard drugs. Rev. John Hilburn, pastor.

Cothen Inaugurated

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If the six seminaries placed the corporate good higher than their individual needs, then "Christ would be honored in fact instead of word, theological education would prosper in a new way, the individual institutions would gain new stature, and we would furnish quality of leadership the denomination badly needs," Cothen said.

The new seminary president said that the six SBC seminaries have made strides in that direction in recent years through the work of the seminary president's council.

He cited as one such example of cooperation the joint efforts at working out agreements in all six SBC seminaries offering the doctor of ministry degree as the basic professional degree program for all seminaries.

Cothen offered several specific suggestions for other areas of cooperation instead of competition in the

future by the six seminaries.

He proposed that some of the seminaries offer the doctor of ministry degree with emphasis on specialized areas and specialized programs, such as one seminary concentrating on student work.

"This would eliminate the necessity of all schools offering all kinds of work," he said. It would also "allow some schools to develop a degree of expertise not now possible in the presentation of such programs."

Earlier, Cothen had emphasized in general terms the tasks of theological education, saying it must have a strong biblical orientation with an emphasis on personal spiritual development.

Saying that the seminaries must help students develop spiritual resources adequate to meet the needs of the people whom they serve, Cothen observed that "one of the great crises of our times in ministry seems to be the inadequacy of the spiritual resources on the part of many ministers confronted with the difficulties of their time."

Theological education must also help the students develop professional skills to fulfill their functions. "Sharpening professional tools in order to accomplish the work expected of a profession" is one of the basic functions of theological education, he said.

Cothen's inaugural address came during a weekend of activities planned in connection with his inauguration as the sixth president of the seminary.

A former president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Cothen was elected president of the seminary on Sept. 17, 1970. He assumed his responsibilities in mid-November. Cothen is also a former executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California.

The inaugural activities began with a dinner, featuring an address by Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Bates told the group that the seminary's task was "not only to educate the men and women who come to this place, but to train them in the skills that are calculated to keep our churches warm spiritually and sound in their outreach until our Lord shall appear."

Official representatives of about 75 education institutions across the nation, of the American Association of Theological Schools, and of the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies took part in the inaugural activities.

Climax of the ceremonies came when A. Morgan Brian Jr., New Orleans attorney and chairman of the seminary's board of trustees, placed around Cothen's neck a pendant seal of the seminary signifying his investiture as president of the institution.

FURLOUGHING MISSIONARIES TO CONFER

About 200 foreign missionaries are expected to attend a Conference of Furloughing Missionaries at Windermere Baptist Assembly in Roach, Mo., May 27-30, just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

The furloughing missionaries will meet with Foreign Mission Board staff members to consider a number of topics.

One topic is mission strategy and the importance of planning strategy on the field; the others deal with the roles of two staff members in newly created positions. W. Eugene Grubbs will discuss greater involvement of laymen in missions; and Truman S. Smith, will speak on ways in which he can assist missionaries with family concerns.

About 400 missionaries, or 16 percent of the overseas force, are in the States for furlough at any time. This does not include missionaries on special leave, according to Mrs. Fred T. Bridges Jr., coordinator of missionary deputation.

Minister's Family Dies In Wreck

YAZOO CITY — The wife and three children of a former Mississippi minister were killed Saturday afternoon, May 15, in a traffic accident between West Palm Beach and Belle Glade, Fla.

The dead were identified as Mrs. Bonnie Hull Roby, 37; and her three children, Cindy, 10, David 6, and Lisa 3.

Mrs. Roby's husband, Roy Roby, 36, escaped injury.

The accident occurred on a highway alongside a canal about 40 feet wide and 40 feet deep. Apparently Mr. Roby was attempting to pass another vehicle when something happened that forced his car from the highway into the canal.

Roby was apparently thrown out of the car as were some of the others. He managed to get to two of the children, but could not save them.

Roby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Roby of Yazoo City, and his brother, Rev. Billy Roby of Vicksburg, flew to West Palm Beach late Saturday to be with the grieving husband and father.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Roby are native Mississippians, both graduated from Mississippi College, and both were teaching in the West Palm Beach area. A former pastor, Mr. Roby had previously served churches at Bay Spring and Holly Bluff, but in recent years had been teaching.

Mrs. Roby was a native of Bay Springs. She was a Baptist.

The family for the last four years had been in West Palm Beach. Roby is a native of Yazoo City.

Funeral services were to be at First Church, Yazoo City.

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Mr. Cummings said that a self-addressed "return" postal card had been sent to all those who are especially invited to the meetings and he urges those receiving them to please return them as soon as possible.

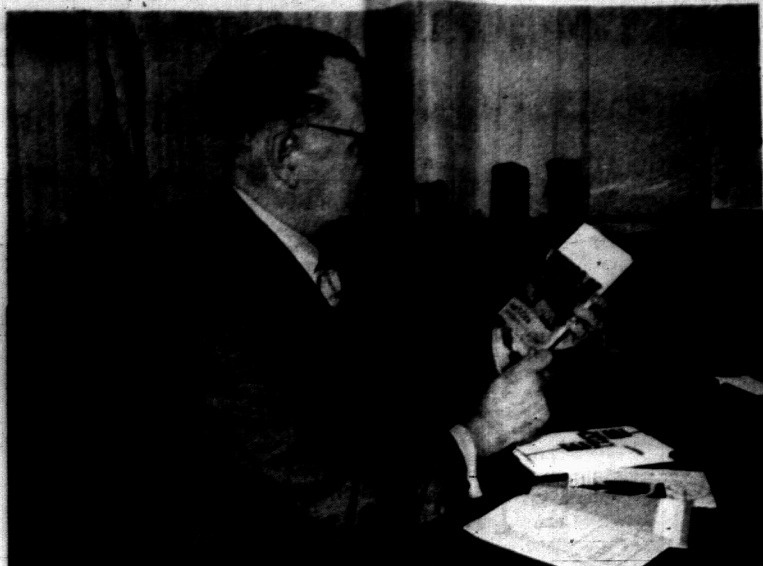
A courtesy meal beginning at 6:30 p.m. will be served at both meetings for those attending.

The meetings in each case will be held from 7:15-9:00 p.m.

Other members of the state planning committee are Dan C. Hall, director of Music Department, Kermit S. King, director of Church Training Department and Rev. Roy Collum, secretary of the Evangelism Department.

1927 — Lindbergh Lands

Charles A. Lindbergh was greeted by 100,000 anxiously waiting people in Paris when he arrived in his monoplane, the Spirit of St. Louis, on May 21, after a 3,000 mile, 33½ hour solo flight from New York. Lindbergh, 25 years old, had been competing for a \$25,000 prize offered for the first non-stop flight from New York to Paris.



Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Board, holds a copy of his newest book, *Is Christ Coming Soon?* On his desk are copies of other books he has written: *It's A Great Life—Don't Miss It!* and *Church Member's Handbook* (editions in English, Spanish, and Chinese).

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Dr. Chester Swor, counselor and lecturer, at right, is author of a new book, *The Parent Slant*. Above, James Yarborough and Irma Gallagher, Assembly Baptist Book Store managers, have him autograph copies of previous books, *Very Truly Yours*, *If We Dared*, and *The Teen-Age Slant*.

Two Jackson Authors To Be Honored With Autograph Parties

By Jennifer Bryon
Broadman Press

Two Jackson residents, who have just had books published, will be honored with an autograph party Monday, May 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Baptist Book Store, 125 N. President.

Chester Swor, religious lecturer, counselor, and writer for young people, has written *The Parent Slant*, a book directed to the parents of young people. Joe Odle, editor of *THE BAPTIST RECORD*, has written *Is Christ Coming Soon?*, a book interpreting the

signs of the times from the Premillennial view.

Swor's book eventually came in response to continuing requests from both parents and teenagers that he share with parents much of the information which he had shared with young people, pointing out the areas in which he sensed needs in the lives of young people.

"The long time observation, 'It takes a bachelor or a spinster to tell parents how to rear their children' kept me from writing this book," said Swor, a bachelor. "I don't expect to

be chosen 'Parent of the Year' as a result of my book, but I do hope it will be helpful to parents."

Odle said he hopes that the reading of his book will cause many to turn to further study of the Bible and other books concerning the second coming. He also hopes it will encourage Christians to live each day ready for the Lord's coming.

"This is not an exhaustive study, nor does it seek to be the last theological word on the theme," explained Odle. "Rather it is a series of simple, Bible-centered messages prepared for the average Christian to help him understand what the Bible says is coming and to encourage him to get ready for those events."

Dr. Odle is also author of *Church Member's Handbook*, which is widely used in the training of new Baptist church members. Written in 1941, this book was first published by Broadman Press in 1943 and was revised in 1962. More than 1,000,000 copies have now

been published, including a Chinese edition published in Hong Kong and a Spanish edition published by the Spanish Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. Another of his books, *It's A Great Life—Don't Miss It*, was published by Christ for the World Publishers, in 1967. Now in its third edition, it is a book of sermons on salvation.

A special presentation of Dr. Odle's new book, *Is Christ Coming Soon?*, and Dr. Swor's new book, *The Parent Slant*, will be made by a Broadman representative at First Baptist Church, Jackson, on Wednesday night, May 26. Dr. Odle and Dr. Swor are both members of First Baptist Church.

Dr. Swor's previous books have accumulated a total of 38 printings. They include *Very Truly Yours*, *If We Dared*, *Neither Down Nor Out*, *The Teen-Age Slant*, *Youth at Bat*, and *To Enrich Each Day* (the last three co-authored by Jerry Merri-man).

Clarke College Names Commencement Speakers



Brown Young

Activities for the 1971 Commencement of Clarke College will begin Thursday morning, May 27, at ten o'clock. Rev. Paul Brown, member of the Clarke faculty, will deliver the commencement sermon. Dr. L. L. Young, outstanding Mississippi educator, will be the speaker for the graduating exercises at six p.m. Both activities will be held in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Newton.

At the 10 o'clock service, Mr. Brown will bring the commencement sermon. A native of Arkansas, he holds the B. A. degree from Mississippi College; Bachelor of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary and has completed course requirements for the M. A. degree in Art from the University of Mississippi. He has been admitted to begin work toward a Ph. D. degree in Higher Education at the University of Mississippi.

He has served as pastor of churches in Mississippi and Tennessee, the most recent pastorate being at Oakhaven Church, Memphis, where he served for ten years. He is the author of a book, *Sermons on Tithing* and is much in demand as a chalk talk lecturer.

Since September 1970, Mr. Brown has been an instructor in Art and Bible at Clarke College.

Dr. Young, a native of Lafayette County, Mississippi, attended Mississippi College one year and received the B. A. degree from the University of Mississippi and the Master of Arts

degree from Columbia University, New York. William Carey College, Hattiesburg, conferred on him the L. L. D. degree.

He has served as president of the Mississippi Junior College Association, The Mississippi Association of Colleges and the Southern Association of Junior Colleges. Also he has been a Regional Representative of the American Council on Education's Committee on Federal Programs.

A Rotarian for 35 years, he has served as president of that club. Also he has been active in the Pine Bluff Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Young has been a deacon in the Baptist church for 45 years and served on State Baptist Convention commissions and committees.

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Summer Auditions

To Be Held For "The Centurymen"

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — In two short years a group of Southern Baptist men have achieved a performance record in the entertainment world that is enviable by any standard.

The Centurymen, a group of 100 Southern Baptist ministers of music, have appeared on all three major television networks, have performed in numerous live concerts, and have issued several widely circulated record albums.

Summer auditions will be held at Ridgcrest and Glorieta and fall auditions will be held in Fort Worth and Nashville. Any full-time Southern Baptist minister of music is eligible to apply for audition.

The group which was organized by the Radio and Television Commission, has won praise all through the Convention for its outstanding work in sharing the message of Christ through the universal language of music.

The standards for the group are understandably high, and every applicant will have to qualify vocally and musically before being chosen.

For those wishing to become members of The Centurymen there are several steps to follow: (1) apply for an audition. To do this, contact Judy Ripley, Radio and TV Commission, 6350 West Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas 76116. Upon receipt of your application, (2) prepare a tape of your singing voice which you will then return with the application form.

The next step (3) will be undertaken by a committee which will consider each application and tape. Those selected by the committee will be notified as to the specific time and place for personal auditions.

It is hoped that anyone who applied when The Centurymen were organized, and who were not chosen for the initial group, will be sure to apply again.

Deadline for summer entries will be June 1, 1971. Applications received after June 1 will be considered for fall auditions. Deadline for all entries will be July 15, 1971, so contact the Radio and TV Commission immediately for application forms.

New Innovation At Annuity Bd. Booth

St. Louis—Southern Baptist Protection Program members will find something new when they visit the Annuity Board's booth at the SBC meeting here June 1-4.

A new innovation is the personalized Statement of Members Account for Protection Program members. According to Annuity Board officials, state Annuity Secretaries will distribute the Statements at booth three in the Convention's display area.

Protection Program members from Mississippi may secure their Statement from W. R. Roberts, Annuity Secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He will be available at the Board's booth to distribute the reports and provide explanation and counsel concerning the retirement program.

A report of what has been paid into the retirement program on behalf of the member will be found on the Statements according to Baynard F. Fox, Annuity Board vice president. The amount of credits built up by the member in each Plan is also included as well as the estimated retirement benefit he is expected to receive at age 65.

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EDITORIAL

Southern Baptists In St. Louis

Southern Baptists are headed for St. Louis. The annual meeting of the giant convention is just ahead. In a few days thousands of messengers from churches all over America will be assembled to transact business for the nation's largest evangelical denomination. It is difficult to predict just what the meeting will be, for no Southern Baptist convention ever is predictable.

The last two conventions, in New Orleans and Denver, were marked by sharp debate, as the messengers made clear their desire that the convention and its agencies remain in the middle-of-the-road, conservative, theological position which has characterized the fellowship since its organization more than 125 years ago. There was no misunderstanding of the position of the majority of the messengers—they wanted nothing to do with the liberalism which has gained ascendancy and even control in some other major denominations. Will this be repeated in St. Louis?

It is most difficult to predict just what will happen in the coming session. There are several reasons for this.

Short Meeting

In the first place, the convention is a short one, the shortest in our memory. There are only six sessions, with the convention beginning on Tuesday morning and ending Thursday at noon, and with the tradition of no Wednesday afternoon session being followed. No reason has been given for shortening the convention, but it has eliminated some of the great hours of inspiration which have been so meaningful in the past. Most of the time is allocated to business and reports, although, of course, there are some inspirational messages such as the president's address, the convention sermon, and the missions night messages. Personally, we feel that it would have been wiser had the program committee added two sessions, closing on Thursday night, instead of at noon that day. This would have given one-third more time for the convention program, and still would have allowed almost all pastors to be back in their pulpits, on Sunday. We hope that this will be considered next year. Nevertheless, this year's convention is a short one, and it is possible

that this may tend to limit the amount of controversy which could arise.

Few Divisive Issues

A second reason that it is difficult to predict what will happen at this year's session is that some of the issues which created disturbance at last year's meeting probably will not be in evidence this year. The Christian Life Commission, which was in the center of much of the controversy last year, did not, this year, engage in activities which would create such dissension, so there seems to be no point for a problem to be raised this time. While motions concerning the Commission still are on the table by last year's convention action, there appears little chance that they again will be considered.

The Broadman Commentary is the most likely issue to raise problems at the convention, although we know of no plan of action concerning it. The Sunday School Board has voted to ask the writers of the commentaries of the two books covered in Volume I to do some revision of their material, and according to a statement by one of the writers, that matter is to be discussed by the writers and Sunday School Board representatives at an early date. One of the writers already has announced that he will not change his position expressed in the volume, but will con-

sider doing some rewriting at certain points in the commentary. (He mentions "three" places, but we are of the opinion that those wanting revision were disturbed about more than three places.) Moreover, nothing has been said by the Board about the rewriting of some of the introductory articles, which also have material objectionable to many Southern Baptists.

The evident attitude of leaders is to "wait and see," and to give the Sunday School Board the time to work the problem out. Whether this will be the position of the messengers remains to be seen. While there has been no revelation of any organized movement to do something about this issue, we need to remember that there was no such movement last year. Rather, one messenger made a motion concerning the issue and the response of the convention was instantaneous. This could, of course, happen again. If any divisive issue comes before the St. Louis convention it could be on this, but we actually do not foresee it as a serious problem.

A third reason that it is difficult to predict St. Louis action is that leaders and editors have been appealing for accord and harmony in the 1971 convention, and avoidance of discord such as has appeared in some recent meetings. Predictions are being made quite generally that St. Louis will be a "quiet" convention.

No Organized Action

A fourth reason for uncertainty concerning this session is that, while there is a strong conservative sentiment evident all across the convention, representing both pastors and laymen, there is no evidence of any widespread organized force setting itself for convention action. One has only to travel across the convention, talk to pastors in various places, or read material which comes from almost any area, to know that the conservative stance is strong everywhere. There are even some organized groups expressing their concern, and their determination that the convention shall remain conservative. However, these groups are not organized on a convention-wide basis, and we have heard of no plan of action set for St. Louis. These Baptists know where they stand theologically, and will express their position when and if the opportunity comes, but what they will do in any given convention, depends upon what some individuals among them may do about motions, resolutions, etc. If there is strong debate and decision in St. Louis it will come from response to floor action, and not from pre-convention planning.

This then is our view concerning St. Louis. We see little chance of a convention that will be remembered for its great inspiration, since the number of inspirational hours is strictly limited. We do not foresee any precipitous action on issues confronting the churches. It may turn out to be a quiet convention, dedicating itself to the world program which God has enabled it to establish. It may be a session which has the forward look of seeking to accomplish greater things for the glory of God. It may take an inward look, seeking to find a deepening of the Spirit and a move toward spiritual revival in the churches and the nation. It may be any or all of these. And then, again, it may be something else. We shall have to wait and see.

The Spirit Of St. Louis

There seems to be a widespread desire that the spirit of the St. Louis convention be one of calmness, without the controversy which has characterized the last two sessions. The appeal for this kind of convention has come from the convention president, from editors and from other leaders. There appears to be a determination that the St. Louis convention shall escape the divisiveness which has been felt in some recent meetings.

This all sounds very good, and I am sure that all of us want the meeting to be one of spiritual power, warm fellowship, and unity of purpose. However, to try to have a "cool" meeting simply for the sake of avoiding controversy, may not be best either for the meeting or for the convention as a whole.

If there are problems which are creating unrest, and bringing division in the convention life, it is not going to be permanently helpful simply to hush them up, or to act as if they did not exist, when we meet at the convention. It is far better to try to remove the

problems, and eliminate misunderstanding, than simply to refuse to talk about them.

Every Baptist with any knowledge at all concerning convention life is fully cognizant of the fact that there are divisions amongst us, and that there is unrest in many places. Can these be solved simply by going to a great convention and talking about how much we love one another, and acting as if the problems did not exist? If we do that, then the difficulties can only continue and grow. It is far better to allow Baptists to speak, discussing the issues which concern them, and seeking to find an answer, then to ignore those issues, or to refuse to seek solutions.

We do pray that the St. Louis Convention will be a constructive one, and great in its accomplishment, but we hope that people will not return to their churches, unhappy, saying "Nothing was accomplished." The spirit of St. Louis needs to be the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and messengers and leaders need to allow him to lead to solution of our problems.

decision. He leaves the hearer uncomfortable if he fails to respond to the appeal that is given. The book should be of special value to young people, both those of high school and college age, but will bless other readers too. It is challenging, different and it is fascinating. Order from *Changed Lives*, Box 100, Chattanooga, Tenn. Dr. Haden is heard on WSLI, Jackson, on Sunday morning at 8:30.

EVANGELISM NOW, ITS MESSAGE, ITS MISSION edited by George M. Wilson, (World-Wide Publications, 231 pp., \$4.95) The official report of the U. S. Congress on Evangelism which was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in September, 1969. All of the major addresses are included. Speakers include Dr. Billy Graham, Oswald C. J. Hoffmann of the Lutheran Hour, Archbishop Marcus L. Loane of Australia, Dr. Harold Lindell editor of *Christianity Today*, Dr. Ford Philipot and a number of others. Southern Baptists on the program were: Dr. Billy Graham and Dr. Kenneth L. Chafin. The messages pre-

sent the Scriptural basis of evangelism in our day, and then many facets of the evangelism problems, program, and needs. These are the messages largely as they were delivered, so they have the freshness of the spoken word. As one reads he will feel some of the thrill which was experienced by those attending the conference and those who were there can never

CREATIVE EXPECTANCY by Albert McClellan (Broadman, 128 pp., \$1.50) In his own inimitable manner, Albert McClellan shows how to make life creative rather than dull and unproductive. He shows how that for the Christian this creativity is found in the resources of God. He speaks of creative worship, service, learning, service, community, confidence, faith, hope, and love. The whole book points the reader to a closer walk with God. The pages are filled with illustrations of how his great leaders own life and the lives he has touched. The book should open up new vistas of opportunity to many who read it and should challenge that reader to enter into a richer type of life.



WHEN ALL ELSE CRUMBLES AND FALLS AWAY

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Mathiston Men Speak Out Against Pornography

Dear Dr. Odle:

We want to thank you for printing the information letter concerning pornography in a recent issue, and the law governing the distribution of such literature through the mail.

Since our pastor and several deacons received such literature in the mail our deacons unanimously recommended to the church that we actively promote the signing of the Federal form by all people in our community. In a called business meeting on April 4, our church took such action, and distributed the form for the convenience of our members. Because of our strong feeling about this evil we call on others to take similar action.

Sincerely,
Rev. Cecil Clegg, pastor, and
The Deacons of Mathiston
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Mathiston, Mississippi

Sees Need For Support Of Youth Activities

Editor:

I see in Baptist Record and other news media about what we are trying to do for dope users in our youth group.

I am closely associated with Boy Scouts, Little League Baseball, Band Booster Club, and High School Athletics Booster Club.

Our school district proudly brags about fourteen churches and I never see a pastor or preacher supporting, with his presence or funds any of these youth groups.

What are these men? A bunch of money collectors? Don't wait till dope gets so important that they can't get busy with the youth.

After the mules are out, no use closing the gate.

Carl T. Beeman
Little Rock, Miss.

EDUCATION...what's happening

"Although the legal power of trustees has not changed, the application of this power has been drastically altered" in recent years, says one expert on college governing boards.

The basic responsibilities of trustees need to be redefined, according to Morton A. Rauh, vice-president emeritus of Antioch College and the author of several works on governance. In a new paper, he says that trustees should:

Evaluate the performance of the president. "There is some middle ground between the act of hiring and firing. . . . The essential redefinition of the responsibility for selecting a president is the evaluation of his performance."

Plan the institutional purpose. "The basic responsibility of maintaining the purpose of the institution must be redefined in such a way that the trustees look not backward to the original purpose. . . but rather forward to the purpose of their own institution as viewed in a setting of the needs of society."

Preserve the institutional assets. "What about human assets? What about the relevance of the educational program to the university's clientele? Are not these aspects of the university's assets at least as potent in assuring perpetuity as are a portfolio of stocks or a new dormitory?"

Act as a court of last resort. "Too many boards assert their right of ultimate authority in situations where the (normal) process has not broken down."

These redefinitions mean that "trustees shall act as trustees, and not as managers," Mr. Rauh says. If boards accept the roles he has outlined, he adds, then the door will be opened to array of new trustee candidates—people who are younger, who come from fields other than business or law, and who are "less overwhelmed by other civic demands. . . so that they can give the trustee job the time it demands."



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

I love an institution, or a person, or a generation, even, that can look itself in the eye and react to itself properly. I remember one day when a man about a generation and a half ahead of us rode from Florence to Jackson with us. When we drove over the old Pearl River Bridge, he chuckled to himself (and at himself, it seemed) and said, "I remember when this bridge was built. We thought we had built a bridge to end all bridges."

If you have driven over this bridge, you know it has been inadequate for years. Yet this man, who had been so sold on it in its infancy, was able to see it had outlived its adequacy. No bridge has ended all bridges.

Probably, no generation is really very mysterious, but it seems that for all of man's existence each generation has held itself in awe. Each has felt itself to have a little of the unfathomable in it, a bit of divinity or infinity that preceding generations lacked.

Each generation has disdained the achievements of the last one, all the while using them and improving them. Each has set itself out to change the whole miserable mess bequeathed it, forgetting to be thankful for the improvement made by the last generation.

Yet, at the reckoning day of the next generation it was assessed no greater than the one before it.

Sad, isn't it, that human self-esteem seems often to require running down other human beings?

(Mrs. Fancher may be addressed at 316 West Canal St., Aberdeen, Ms., 39730.)

On The MORAL SCENE...

POVERTY POPULATION JUMPED 1.1 MILLION IN 1970. OEO SAYS — The Office of Economic Opportunity has officially estimated that the number of poor in America jumped 1.1 million persons in 1970, to 25.7 million. In putting the poverty figure at 25.7 million, the Nixon administration thus for the first time acknowledged that the number of poor increased in 1970, reversing a downward trend that accompanied rising prosperity throughout the decade of the '60s. The total number of poor persons was estimated in 1959 at 39.5 million persons. By 1969, when the unemployment rate dipped to a low of 3.5 percent, it had fallen to 24.6 million, a decline of about 15 million. With the jobless rate jumping to 5 percent in 1970, a number of economists and poverty specialists in Washington had begun to speculate quietly as to the effects on poverty. Nearly all of them agree the poverty population—measured now for a family of four as having an income of less than \$3,743—is on the rise because of tightened economic conditions.—(Washington, D. C. Evening Star, 3-29-71)

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NEWEST BOOKS

REBEL TO REBEL by Ben Haden (Logio, Inc., paper, 144 pp., \$2.50) Ben Haden is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tenn. and each Sunday morning speaks over a network of radio stations in a program called "Changed Lives." He is one of the most unique speakers to be heard on the air today. His message are solidly biblical, and are completely true to the Scriptural message of salvation, yet are so presented that they have a broad appeal to modern audiences both young and old. His delivery is most unusual and the person who begins to listen finds himself holding on to every word. This book, which contains messages which have been delivered over the radio program, are written in the same distinctive style. Even though they are prose, they are in a poetic form. They are rich in illustration and apt in application. Dr. Haden uses unusual subjects, ranging all across the nation, and through history, the sciences, and in many other areas to find his applications of Scriptural truth. He probes the hearts of his hearers and challenges to a

Our Mississippi Baptist Senior Colleges: A Summary

By Chester E. Swer

By the end of a twelve-month period, on August 31, 1971, our three senior Baptist colleges in Mississippi will have enrolled approximately 4,500 students; nobody counted twice.



While some Baptist colleges in the South are in great crises—finances, ideals, and denominational rapport—our three senior colleges are operating in the black, maintaining a heart-warming loyalty to the denomination, and training more students for religious vocations than were even enrolled in the total enrollments of the three colleges twenty-five years ago, assuring an increasing supply of good leadership for the future.

But our colleges are not without their problems. Although all three of them need steady and increasing financial support, they need, also, large amounts of understanding, prayer, and devotion from our Mississippi Baptist constituency. They are called upon to stand tall and firm in an era in which society confronts them with problems greater than Christian colleges have ever encountered.

Understanding

For those who attended our colleges in the pre-World War II days and even in the 1950's, the changes in the college world are difficult to comprehend, unless such alumni have continued to live and work in the college world; for, indeed, the changes in the society from which our students come to college have been vast.

Today's college students have come from high schools in which there are practices and problems unknown years ago. Freedoms of thought, speech, and action accorded high school students bring them to college with more of questions about ideas and restrictions than their parents or older brothers and sisters ever had. Many of them have come from homes and communities in which social practices have gone far beyond the practices permitted on our Baptist college campuses. Therefore, an entirely different "breed" of students now may be found in numbers on our campuses in addition to the large numbers of students who accept the college ideals in a spirit of cooperation.

Today's students come to colleges which are considerably different from those their elders attended, even if the college names are the same. The student bodies are larger and more diverse in makeup; more of the students commute or live off-campus; the campuses practically empty themselves on weekends. The commuter dimension and the week-end exodus make the problem of the church-related college greater; for, since the commuter students are on campus simply for classes, and the "weekend student" misses the contribution which the college churches can make, the hope of the college to impart effectively its Christian philosophy in general campus life is more difficult to fulfill.

Still another great change in today's college is the enlargement of faculty personnel. Larger faculty numbers and larger student enrollments make difficult the close personal ties between faculty and student which earlier college generations took for granted and enjoyed greatly.

Other Changes

Other factors which make the task of our Christian colleges more difficult are these:

1. Students hear of "what goes on" on other campuses; and, not realizing that our colleges cannot be distinctive and, at the same time, be "just like" other schools, some students ask for practices not traditionally permitted on our Baptist campuses. The fact that some of those activities were a part of high school life for them, and the additional fact that many parents have permitted at home the practices not condoned by the colleges cause some students to be impatient. HOWEVER, ALL THREE OF OUR BAPTIST SENIOR COLLEGES ARE MAKING A CONSCIENTIOUS EFFORT TO INTERPRET THE DISTINCTIVE PHILOSOPHY OF THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE TO THEIR STUDENT BODIES.

2. Some influences come into the colleges from the outside, urging students to protest or to rebel. I have heard on good authority of mail-outs to student leaders throughout America, encouraging them to distrust every announcement of college administrations.

3. A large number of students spend their week-ends away from the college and generally in an atmosphere which does not hold as high ideas as does the Christian college. Conflicts often arise from this living in two worlds.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

As supporters of our Baptist colleges, we can make at least these contributions to their laudable efforts to build and maintain a campus life of Christian spirit:

1. We can be patient. I can assure

you that the administrations of all three senior Baptist colleges of our state are trying valiantly to maintain a genuinely Christian atmosphere—and against odds which their predecessors never faced. It takes time to lead some students to see that our colleges will not be distinctively different if they incorporate in their lives everything which non-church-related colleges include. It is inspiring to note that, as many of the students proceed through the college years, they come to an understanding and acceptance of the reasons why.

Let's be sure to remember this, particularly before assessing blame: the administrations must maintain good rapport with the students in leading and inspiring them. The development and maintenance of this rapport takes time. . . . And time takes patience. Also let's remember that the process of interpretation must be done again with each four-year generation of college students.

2. We can be reasonable. To expect our colleges to do what parents have left undone or have been unable to do, to expect our colleges to take a highly diverse group of students and mold them quickly into a transformed unity, to expect our colleges to be stainless ivory towers when the backwash of a polluted society is obliged to touch the campuses of our Baptist colleges to a degree, to expect our colleges to develop and maintain an atmosphere of Christian excellence which neither the churches nor homes from which most of the students come—these are unreasonable expectations, particularly if we expect the transformations to occur quickly after a student's arrival on campus.

In our colleges, as in our churches

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and among parents, there are both saints and sinners, dynamos and duds, lukewarm Christians and highly committed Christians. Faculty members in our colleges are as perfect and imperfect as homes and churches from which the students have come. While expecting our colleges to do their best to build a better world of student life, let's not expect them to do more than their best in a difficult day.

3. We can pray. Fervent daily praying for our college administrators, faculty personnel, and particularly those staff members who are "immersed" in the problems and challenges of student life will project power onto our campuses, bringing wisdom, patience, courage, and compassion to those who are trying in our behalf to keep our colleges truly Christian.

WHAT THE COLLEGES CAN DO

The foregoing paragraphs do not imply that our Baptist Senior colleges have done all they can do and want to do in maintaining the highest Christian ideals on our campuses; for, indeed, all three colleges will be quick to say that they are constantly seeking new techniques and approaches through which to implement the avowed Christian purposes of the colleges. Although there are, doubtless, many approaches to a successful communication of the spirit of the Christian college to her students, these two suggestions are offered:

1. Our colleges can maintain a positive stance for keeping our campuses truly Christian in ideals, spirit, and activities. Some of the once-grand colleges of the East have discovered to their sorrow that, had they stood firmly by some ageless principles, much of the campus turmoil which has marred those campuses would not have occurred. In short, let our colleges say to students who want to make questionable changes: "There are some principles which make a

Christian college different in teachable ways; and, when the Christian college ceases to be different in these distinctive ways, it has lost its reason for existence. Please try to understand and accept these differences. But, if you cannot or will not understand as I accept, why not change colleges instead of trying to change this college in ways which wisdom deems unwise?"

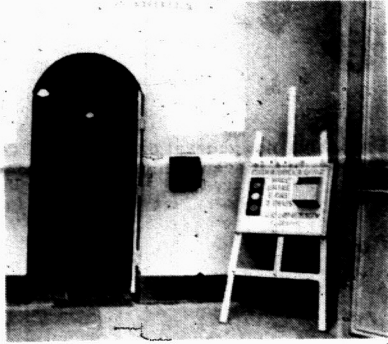
2. Our colleges can make a more positive effort to communicate the ideals of the Christian college to entering students. In a series of orientation lectures, in seminars of small groups, in reading materials, and in talk-back sessions the colleges could wisely present, amplify, explain and make attractive their distinctiveness as Christian colleges. Such approaches could answer some questions and solve some problems before they arise, and could turn some latent rebellion into creative understanding and cooperation.

FINALLY, MY BEEHIVE

If you know me well, you know that I love all of our Baptist colleges, much as a parent loves all of his children. I have spent significant weeks on the campuses of Mississippi College, William Carey College, and Blue Mountain College. I heard, saw, and felt the vibrant life on each of the campuses. I have not consciously overlooked their weaknesses nor exaggerated their strengths. I simply looked at them through a heart which loves each one of the colleges greatly. I have concluded my tour of the colleges with a deeper devotion to them than ever before, with a keener conviction than ever that we need all three of them urgently if we are to continue to produce a great stream of denominational leadership, AND THAT THEY HAVE MORE STRENGTHS AND FEWER WEAKNESSES THAN ANY THREE CHURCH-RELATED COLLEGES I HAVE EVER KNOWN.

In Rio, Brazil

Church Of Hope Promotes 30-Hour Singing Marathon; Goes Forward In Planning For "Building Of Faith"



Entrance to the Church of Hope and Bible School of the Air studio, downtown Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

By Anne McWilliams

The Bible School of the Air, Inc., Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which broadcasts daily to all Brazil and has a world-wide ministry through international short wave radio, and offers Bible courses by correspondence, recently promoted a 30-hour marathon during which the 578 hymns of the Baptist Hymnal of Brazil were sung completely.

The movement had the approval and cooperation of Hope Baptist Church, of downtown Rio, and was coordinated by Pastor David Gomes, director of the 22-year-old radio program as well as pastor of Hope Baptist Church.

The singing marathon brought the greatest publicity ever given to a Protestant or evangelical movement in Brazil.

All the main newspapers of Rio sent reporters to make photos and to interview Pastor Gomes. Two of the television stations came also and showed the marathon to all Brazil.

"It seems like Brazil is ready when we are ready," said Mr. Gomes. "When a Marathon can call newsmen from Sao Paulo, from Estado de Sao Paulo and Folha de Tarde, and mobilize the whole Press of Rio, it is because the doors are opened. Radio Globo, the strongest radio station of Brazil, broadcast free of charge, as the others, the Marathon news over ten hours!"

He continued, "The singing marathon was a real revival for us. Just imagine that we never had less than 100, during the night in a church of 150 members. And we were packed to capacity on both nights—even though it rained on the 21st."

Earlier this year, January 1-4, the church of Hope sponsored a Bible Reading Marathon which lasted 80 hours. Genesis 1 was read at 12:30 a.m. on January 1, and the last verse of Revelation was read on January 4, at 8:30 a.m. During the interval, the whole Bible was read all the way through.

The whole press of Brazil covered this event also, giving the most coverage of any Baptist event since the Baptist World Alliance in Rio in 1960. Last fall the Baptist Record carried a story about the lot which the Church of Hope has miraculously ac-

quired in the heart of downtown Rio. At the time of purchase, the church borrowed \$85,000 to complete payment on the lot which they were able to buy on practically priceless land for \$125,000.

The church plans to use this lot and the adjoining headquarters (the church and Bible School of the Air) as a place to erect a 20-story Building of Faith. The bottom floor or floors will be for the church, and upper stories will be sold or rented to Christian institutions.

Concerning the financing of this project, Pastor Gomes reported in January: "The interest due to banks is still heavy, more than \$50 per day. But we are working with the called 'Nights of Faith,' at different churches at invitation. I have no way to accept all calls and God is doing a mighty great work. At every meeting there is a time for reaffirmation of faith, with testimonies. The Building of Faith will be started as soon as we pay to the banks the big loan."

In March of this year he wrote, "My recent trip to Richmond, Va. was wonderful. The Foreign Mission Board could not help financially, but will vouch anything that may become needy and the Board will channel financial help given to the Baptist Church of Hope and Bible School of the Air. Counting a loan of \$3,000 we could meet our debt of \$6,000 this

month. One verse keeps me happy: 'The Lord is my portion, therefore, in Him shall I wait patiently.' This is the certainty we have that the Building of Faith is already built by God's plan—Mark 11:23-25.

During Mr. Gomes' trip to the States early this year, his wife, Haydee, had a remarkable experience. Mr. Gomes tells of it thus: "One of the creditors asked for his \$400 in 24 hours. Haydee checked the banks and we had only \$80. It was the Night of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Haydee thought of bringing the matter before the ladies, but she heard: . . . Daughter, I will provide the money, be still. . . . She minded the Spirit and did not say anything that could divide attention. Next morning, some empty bottles were sold for \$70. Early in the morning a couple that visited the Bible School of the Air gave \$80 and others came. By the end of the day, we had a plus of 20 cents. I want you to praise God along with us because we know that the Building of Faith is a reality."

The Church of Hope in downtown Rio is open every day of the week, and a worship service is held daily at noon. Constantly persons entering the church during the week are hearing the way of salvation and finding the Lord as Savior. One man walked in, who said he had left home to commit suicide, had visited five Catholic churches without finding help, walked



The Church of Hope sponsored an 80-hour Bible Reading Marathon. Sophie Regina Gomes, 16, is shown reading. Esther Ruth Gomes is seated second from left. (They are two of Pastor David Gomes' six children.) Mr. Gomes is seated at far right.

into the Church of Hope and found the Lord. A boxer, converted at this church, says he is now "fighting for Jesus."

On April 1, Mr. Gomes wrote: "God is continuing his great work. We had last Sunday morning more than thirty people coming to the altar on conversion and dedication. At night a rock fell from the bank on our side with the heavy rain and broke our ceiling. Rain poured, but the Spirit, too."

"The whole congregation turned to be a prayer congregation. I had to stop them with a hymn. Otherwise they would keep on singing. Everyone, nearly, realizes the broken ceiling was the Word of God, telling of the need to pay for the lot and get the building started!"

"Monday morning two of the directors of the bank came to meet us at the noon service. One of them never had a Bible, so I offered him a New Testament. During the afternoon I paid him a visit and we talked at length. During the noon hour Monday, two ladies accepted Jesus. Both of them were connected with witchcraft! God is at work."

"Financially, the fight continues. Counting the \$3,000 loan, we were able to meet the \$6,000 payment for today. This is to glorify God, since we consider it another miracle, paying this much, without calling again on the banks. The stock market hit the highest ever yesterday and Monday was even the highest ever. They say only New York and Tokyo were above Brazil. I know this is our hour. Our land jumps every time the market raises."

Mr. Gomes' daughter, Priscilla, who was miraculously healed of tuberculosis, is now married to Israel Faria, who is pastor of a Baptist church. Ana Maria, another of his daughters, is engaged to Dr. Reginaldo Coutinho, a junior deacon of First Baptist Church, Rio. Ana Maria is continuing her seminary training and is teaching school. She will be married in July.

Readers who would wish to join with Rev. David Gomes and the Church of Hope in building "in the heart of Rio a monument for Jesus," may send contributions to the Foreign Mission Board, designated for that purpose, or to Rev. David Gomes, P. O. Box 866—ZC—00, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mission Conference Days In Piney Woods

By J. C. Wells, New Orleans

Bunkley Baptist Church, Meadville, Miss., is a small country church with only a handful of members, in the piney woods of south Mississippi. It recently was invited and accepted an invitation to participate in a World Missions Conference. The undertaking was staggering to such a small group, but they had never had an opportunity like this before, so with the encouragement of a very dedicated pastor, they accepted the opportunity. The community was the residue of an old logging camp which had been established when a big mill was cutting the timber in that country.

When the camp broke, people scattered everywhere. Only a few were left of the little camp Baptist church. Then to add to their ills, while trying to recoup their members and keep their doors open, critics began to rumormongers that the Baptist Board were taking their money and using it for themselves. Members were told that only a very small amount of the mission money ever reached the field, for the leaders were squandering the money. The atmosphere was an

ti-missionary. Many shied away from Baptist leaders. There were some who knew that the rumors were untrue but they seemed to be in the minority. Finally, the little faithful group, became so small that they could not get a minister. However, although they closed the doors for five years, some friend continued to pay the light bills, and despite the fact that they had no leader, and no regular services, the light was still burning.

Finally, after being closed for five years, a new day began to dawn. From behind the eastern hills, the sun began to rise. A dedicated man, who had surrendered to preach in late life, without formal education, but with Christ in his heart, heard their voice. He investigated, and upon their call, he moved on the field without the prospects of a living salary, but he had faith in God, and in the people.

In two years they had built a new beautiful house of worship, well equipped. The old house was renovated for Sunday School and furnished to take care of the social activities of the church and mainly the young people.

Plans for the missions conference were made. One of the families agreed to take the missionary. Others agreed to help with the entertainment. The men were willing to transport the missionary. This was a new experience. Many of these people have never seen a home or foreign missionary. They lived on a tip-toe of expectancy. What will the missionary tell us? Yes, we will hear some foreign, some home missionaries and some of the state workers. They were thrilled at the prospects.

Finally, the day arrived. The pastor went in to meet the missionaries and to bring back their. The missionary arrived on Saturday night. Sunday morning, the church was well filled. They saw and met the missionary. This first service, they went eight percent above the church membership, in attendance. That night they went twelve percent above. From then on the attendance climbed till on the last night their attendance had doubled their church membership.

That was not all. The church had caught both the revival spirit and the mission spirit. In the middle of the conference the

church voluntarily voted to increase the Cooperative Program from two percent to ten percent. That was not all. Two fine young intermediate boys accepted Christ as Savior. Then three more came by letter, saying, "I want to get in and help in this program." Still another two came and said, "I want to dedicate my life to the Lord's Cause."

The above were the tangible and visible results, the kind you can put on paper, but there were other results. The church was greatly and enthusiastically revived. They now are not satisfied with anything less than their best. They have a mind to work. They have been warmed, informed, enthused and spirit-filled. The pastor now has a new church to lead and work with. When he says, "come on" he had better be able to stay ahead of them, for they will be right there ready.

This little country church demonstrates what can happen to any church that gets into the mission program, whether in a Missions Conference or just missions every day. Missions always pay rich dividends.



The Bible School of the Air and the Church of Hope in Rio, Brazil, recently promoted a thirty-hour singing marathon during which the 578 hymns of the Baptist Hymnal were all sung. Top photo: "The congregation praised God for thirty hours without ceasing." Bottom photo: "The children praised him also."

Names In The News

Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, McComb, was the evangelist recently in a revival in North Central Church, Gainesville, Florida. Rev. N. B. Langford, a former Mississippian, is the pastor. Over 75 public decisions for Christ were recorded. The Sunday services and evening services were televised to the Gainesville area with a viewing audience of 75,000 - 100,000 people.

Rev. Billy Ingram began his duties May 2 as pastor of Freedom Church, Jones County. He moved there from County Line in Rankin Co.

Albert Jones is the new assistant pastor in charge of education at First Church, Laurel, going there from Troy, Alabama.

Rev. George Hammond began his duties as pastor of Bryan Church in April. He moved there from Gallup, New Mexico.

Danny Waddell will be the minister of youth during the summer for Wildwood Church, Laurel. He is a senior ministerial student at MC.

Mike Latham has been called as minister of music for Fairfield Church, Jones County. He is a junior in the School of Music at William Carey College.

Eddie Anderson and Mike Shows have been ordained as deacons at County Line Church, Jones County.



Two Mississippi College physics majors will participate in a two-week research project this summer in nuclear spectroscopy at Vanderbilt University. Cleve Morton (left) of Amory and Doug Hattox of Ecu will work with Dr. Joe Hamilton at Vanderbilt. Dr. Hamilton is a Mississippi College alumnus and recognized as one of the top physicists in the country. Morton and Hattox will be accompanied by Dr. Craig Whitlock, chairman of the physics department at Mississippi College (M.C. Photo by Bill Swange).



Rev. and Mrs. Orvil W. Reid, missionaries, may now be addressed at Apartado 446, Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico. An Oklahoman, he was born in Stigler and grew up in Marble City. She is the former Alma Ervin of Nashville, Tenn. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1938.

Mrs. Raymond B. Fitts, mother of Mr. Marvin E. Fitts, missionary to Peru, died April 27 in Algoma, Miss. A funeral service was held April 28. Fitts is a native of Pontotoc County, Miss.; his wife is the former Jean Carlisle of Lucy, Tenn. They may be addressed at Apartado 572, Trujillo, Peru.

Students of Blue Mountain College have elected Sarah Wofford of Drew, editor of the Mountaineer, college yearbook, for the 1971-72 session, and Mrs. Mary Dee Shelton of Ripley, business manager of the student publication. Miss Wofford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Wofford of Drew, and Mrs. Shelton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt T. Palmer of Baldwin; and the wife of Compton L. Shelton of Ripley.

Jerry St. John, associate, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Mississippi's missionary to the deaf, is now also a newscaster on television station, WJTV, Jackson. When Frank Jennings gives the news report at 5 p. m., Mr. St. John interprets the news in sign language for the deaf. (Mr. St. John and Hugh Prickett, principal of the Mississippi School for the Deaf, serve as interpreter, on a rotating basis.) WJTV's double-delivered 30-minute news program is an outgrowth of one of the first efforts in the United States to bring television news to the deaf. (A story of the Jackson station's presentation of news in sign language for the deaf was printed in the New York Times on April 10.)

James Draper, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., will be the conference preacher for the Church Training Youth Conference, June 3-9 at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, here. Other program personalities include Annie McSwain, minister of music, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., folk singer, Gene Cotton and entertainer Grady Nutt.

Miss Fanny Starns, missionary who has completed furlough in the States, was scheduled to arrive May 5 in Thailand (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand). Miss Starns was born in Hattiesburg, Miss., and lived with her family in several communities while growing up, graduating from high school in Holden, La. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1955.

Millville Church, Ponchatoula, La.: April 5-11; Rev. W. N. Johnson (pictured) Ellisville, Rt. 3, pastor of Friendship Church, Johnson community, evangelist; Walter Parker, song leader; Miss Shelia Day, pianist; Rev. Stanley Day, pastor; seven professions of faith; 35 rededications.



REVIVAL RESULTS

Tinsley Church: April 25-30; Rev. Wallace Russell, Ozark, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Ben Bennett, pastor; 40 rededications; six professions of faith; one dedication for full-time Christian service.

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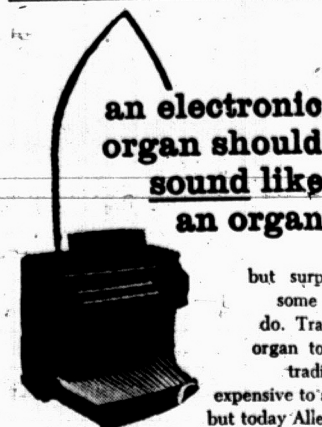
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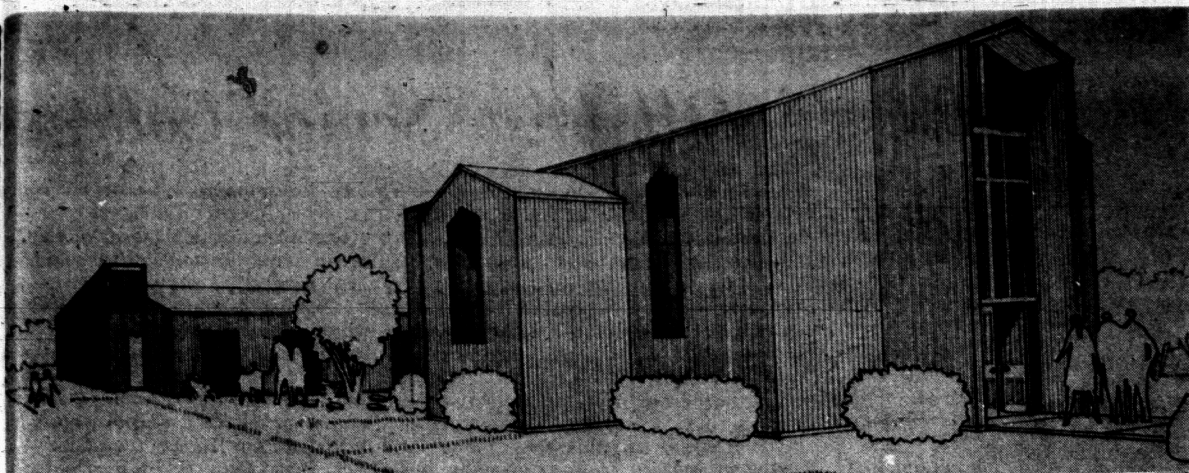
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Eden Church To Begin Building Program

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Memorial Day At Roundaway

The annual Memorial Day at Roundaway Church, Sunflower County, was observed Sunday, May 16. Rev. W. R. Austin of Ripley, a former pastor, brought the morning message. Following the morning service dinner was served on the grounds. The afternoon emphasis was looking toward the future. There was group singing and a dedication service. The afternoon session included testimonies and a memorial service in memory of those who have died during the last year.

Poplar Springs Deacon Dies

The deacons, the pastor, Rev. Hilton Coward, and the members of Poplar Springs (Simpson) express deep and sincere regrets in the death of Clyde Layton recently.

Mr. Layton had served the church for many years as a deacon and in other capacities.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Alene Layton, and two daughters, Mrs. Don Malone of Jackson and Mrs. Knight of Mendenhall.

Four Associational Clerks Win Rating: Annual Of Distinction

In the 1970 Associational Annual Evaluation, sponsored by the Department of Research and Statistics, Baptist Sunday School Board, four associational clerks from Mississippi earned the rating, ANNUAL OF DISTINCTION.

These four are Miss Lera Cowart, Meridian, Lauderdale Association; C. Warren Trussell, Jr., Columbus, Lowndes Association; Mrs. Ben A. Crawford, Jr., Clarksdale, Riverside Association; and Kenneth Forbus, Greenville, Washington Association.

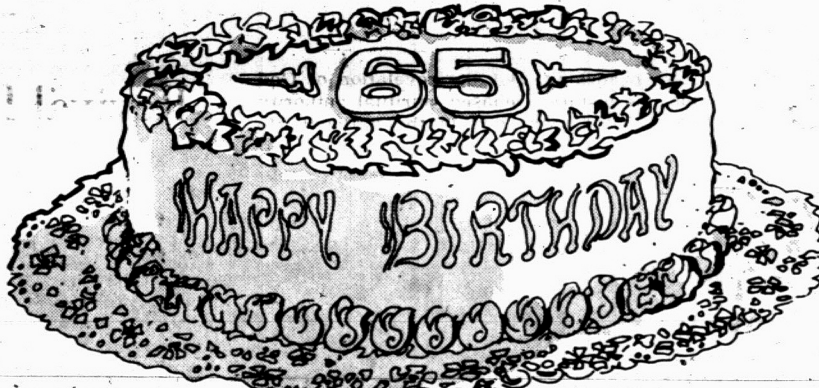
Of the 34 clerks from Mississippi entering the evaluation, twenty (or 58.8 per cent) received the "Outstanding Plus" rating.

Throughout the Convention, a total of 524 associational clerks participated, exceeding the previous record of 512. Of these, 326 earned the highest ratings, "Outstanding Plus" or "Outstanding."

ANNUALS OF DISTINCTION chosen were those which stood out in excellence, even among those receiving "Outstanding Plus" ratings. For these awards one clerk was selected from approximately every ten entries for each state convention having participants.

Clerks in Mississippi receiving the "Outstanding Plus" rating were: Levi Ayers, Alcorn; Granville L. Myrick, Attala; Cecil Bufkin, George; Mrs. Charles Smith, Grenada County; Mrs. Shirley Massey, Jackson County; Mrs. Davis Gardner, Jasper; Miss Lera Cowart, Lauderdale; Mrs. G. D. Williams, Lincoln; C. Warren Trussell, Jr., Lowndes; Mrs. William R. Minor, Marshall; W. B. Tarver, Mississippi Assoc.; J. Clifford Watson, Newton County; Mrs. Lyda Lee, Panola; Mrs. James C. Hawley, Pearl River; Mrs. Ben A. Crawford, Jr., Riverside; Rev. J. Harold Jones, Sharkey-Issaquena; Mrs. Fay Shiers, Warren; Kenneth Forbus, Washington; Mrs. O. C. Hicks, Winston; and Rev. James E. Justice, Zion.

Tennessee Schoolteacher John T. Scopes was arrested on May 5, 1925 for teaching the theory of evolution, forbidden by state law.



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Isaiah Was Burdened By The Waywardness Of His People

By Clifton J. Allen
Isaiah 5

Beginning with this lesson, we are to study four lessons from the prophecy of Isaiah. Almost universally, Isaiah is given first place among Old Testament prophets. His ministry took place in Jerusalem, from about 740 B.C. until sometime after 701 B.C., a time of "successive crises in the life of Judah. His prophetic message emphasized the majesty and holiness of God, the fact

that God is the Lord of history, the necessity for righteousness and justice on the part of God's people, and the certainty of divine judgment upon injustice, hypocrisy, and immorality. Isaiah was heavily burdened by the waywardness of his people. Our lesson from chapter 5, likely describing the situation during the early years of Isaiah's ministry, provides the setting for an understanding of his life and message.

The Lesson Explained.
GOD'S PURPOSE FOR JUDAH (vv. 1-7)

A parable. — Isaiah sings about his beloved's vineyard. "Beloved" really refers to God. The opening verses

are a parable, which draws on the familiar concepts and ways of an owner of a vineyard. Surprisingly, the vineyard bears wild grapes, evil smelling and bitter. What more could the owner of the vineyard have done? Isaiah assumes the role of the owner—really speaking to God—and addresses the inhabitants of Jerusalem to challenge them to judge between him and his vineyard. Surely, with all the care exercised in planting and cultivating, God had a right to expect a wonderful harvest. He will abandon the vineyard to its worthlessness.

The application. — The Lord of hosts is really the owner of the vine-

yard. The vineyard is the house of Israel, the people of Judah. God had chosen his people and established them in a good place, favored in many ways. God had entered into a covenant relationship with his people, assuring them of his protection and blessing, if only they would be obedient and faithful. God expected from his people the fruits of justice and righteousness. Instead of justice, there was oppression and distress. Instead of righteousness, there was rioting and wickedness. God was left no recourse but to deal with his faithless people in the severity of judgment.

WOES UPON A FAITHLESS PEOPLE (vv. 20-21)

We need to consider these verses in the light of the longer passage, verses 8-25. We have a series of woes pronounced upon the faithless people of Judah and the prediction of God's terrible judgment. Woe is against those who call evil good and good evil (vv. 20-21). They have lost the capacity for moral distinctions, confusing darkness and light and the bad and the good. In their own sight they are wise and shrewd, but in the sight of God they are foolish to the extreme. The next woe is against persons skilled in drinking wine but completely corrupted by taking bribes and

therefore perverting justice. Isaiah declares that the judgment of God will come upon his wayward people. They will be destroyed as the devours stubble and dry grass. Their bright prospect will fade away. Because they have rejected the Lord, really despising the Holy One of Israel, God in righteousness must deal with them in judgment. His hand that would have been stretched out to defend them necessarily must smite them and destroy them. When people will not receive the love and mercy of God, they lay themselves open to the woes of righteous wrath, chastening, and judgment.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Could It Happen Here And Now, As It Did In Jeremiah's Day?

Jeremiah 25
By Bill Duncan

What can happen to a prophet who denounces his nation? Jeremiah was arrested and put on trial for heresy. After the death of Josiah, mainly two kings reigned before the victory of Babylon over Judah—Jehoiakim and Zedekiah. During both of these kings' reigns the conditions were practically the same. Jehoiakim was a vassal of Egypt and then of Babylon. Zedekiah's reign was one of religious darkness, moral corruption, political intrigue.

During these periods Judah was subject to all the problems of its neighbors. In obedience to the Divine command, Jeremiah went to the house of Zedekiah, in the verses of the lesson he repeated the prophecies which announced the judgment of God as determined against Judah. The reason for the judgment was the fact of her sin.

The message was a previous message, but because the people had not turned to God there was still the need. The people, the prophets and the priest seized and condemned to death the prophet of God, Jeremiah, in their ecclesiastical court. In a civil court arraigned by the prince of Judah, the prophet was allowed to defend himself. These are the words as recorded in Jeremiah 25 and 26.

Jeremiah was the true statesman speaking to the nation in a political chaos. They had made international gestures and alliances that would bring them to destruction. In the internal state of affairs the only hope given was to obey the voice of Jehovah.

God's attitude is shown in verse 4

to be that of God rising up early and sending out messengers in the interest of the national life. The call of God was that each person should turn to God, in order that he could return or remain in the land of blessing. God says that one sin is representative of all their sins and that sin is idolatry. Nothing is clearer to God than a pure worshipper. The ways of Judah had provoked God to anger, but in the long run it is the people of Judah that will be hurt, not God.

"In the North," said Jeremiah, "a confederate is being formed with the Medes and Chaldeans under the leadership of Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon. The King of Babylon is called my agent for punishing Judah. The Jews have boasted that they are the servants of the Lord, but God is able to use a heathen king more than he is the King of Judah. God intends to use this king to encourage the unbelievers to believe that God intends to fulfill his program. As a result of the invasion and overthrow by the northern confederate, the Temple of God will be destroyed and the city of God will become desolate. The land will be desolate and the house will be left standing without anyone living there. There will be silence. No sound of women grinding corn. There will be no night light as there is in every house of the East." The exact number of years in captivity is given when the people would serve Babylon as slaves.

This kind of message is not popular preaching. But the revelation of God is history. Debased spiritual authority is far more evil in the national life than debased civil authority. The reason that this kind of preaching is not popular is that people do not like that which condemns them and they will strike out at the voice. The voice of God is needed more than the flickle voice of people.

Could this happen to us? Has America obeyed the voice of God? We have so much internal political chaos. Our international ties are in danger. For years we have believed that we were the people of God. Then the voice has one message. "Amend your ways, the general set of your life; and your do-

ings, your relationship to all the crying need of the scattered people that are going without shepherding; and do it, do it all by obeying the voice of Jehovah. This is the call to the nation."

If God has set our nation on a course for punishment, to humble us,



Hall Of Fame At MC

These four outstanding seniors have been selected for the Hall of Fame at Mississippi College, one of the highest honors available at the college. From the left are Roddy Connor of Tavares, Fla., Martha Little of Crystal Springs, Lynda Fields of Ferriday, La., and John Brabham of Ferriday, La. Their selection was announced during the annual Honors Day program at the college. Each honoree's picture will hang in the Hall of Fame Room of the B. C. Rogers Student Center and they are featured in a special section of the Tribesman, the college yearbook. (M. C. Photo by LaLee)

Revival Dates

Loozahoma (Tate): May 23 - 28; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor of Carriage Church, Southaven, evangelist; J. B. Bett, Southaven, evangelistic singer, song leader; Rev. Hubert McCullar, pastor.

Parkway, Jackson: May 23-30; Dr. Bill Causey, pastor, evangelist; Francis LaRocque, Lake Charles, La., music evangelist; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; night services to be broadcast over WJXX; coffee and doughnuts at 6:30 a.m.; outstanding guest personalities to share Christian testimony in evening services: Laura Hoyette, Glenn Cannon, Cathy Morris, Chris McClamrock, and John Bewley.

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"The Tribesman" Is Dedicated To Four

The Mississippi College yearbook, *The Tribesman*, broke tradition this year by paying special tribute to four professors in place of having the annual dedicated to one individual. Professors recognized by the Tribesman staff for their teaching contributions were, from the left, Dr. Eugene I. Farr, professor of education; Dr. John Legg, associate professor of chemistry; Dr. Sarah Rouse, chairman of the Division of Humanities and professor of English; and Mrs. Hazel Newman, associate professor of physical education. They each received engraved copies of the yearbook from Editor Rita Sheffield of Jackson. (M.C. Photo by Joe Lee)

Concord Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held at Concord Church, Franklin County, on May 23. Following regular Sunday school at 10 and morning worship at 11, lunch will be served at the church. The afternoon service will be devoted to the program of the cemetery, according to the pastor, Rev. Ronald Hazlett.

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Tinsley Breaks Ground For Youth Center

Tinsley Church at Tinsley held groundbreaking ceremonies April 25 for a new Youth Center which will be built in the park area adjacent to the other church facilities. Shown left to right are A. B. Torans, W. C. March, Rev. Ben Bennett, pastor, Mrs. W. T. Young, Sr., and W. B. Sudduth.



New Albany: New Mission Building

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on Sunday, May 9, for the Clark Street Mission, sponsored by First Church, New Albany. The new building, covering 3000 sq. ft. of floor space, will have central heat and air. The mission was started in an area where two other churches had been for years, but they were not reaching the people. A fulltime program has been started this year. The mission has had 18 professions of faith since last October. First, New Albany has helped four of the five churches in New Albany and helps support a mission in Montana. Rev. Guel Eddings is pastor of the mission and Rev. Wm. F. Evans First Church.



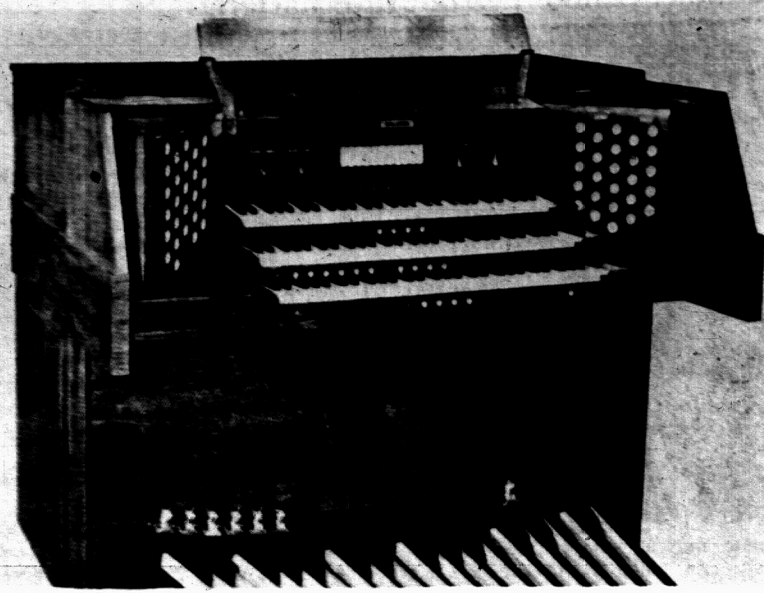
Clarke Class Visits Baptist Building

A class in religion education from Clarke College toured Baptist interests in Jackson recently and are seen in photo above at Baptist Building in Jackson. They are participants in the "in-service" training program sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department in which they learn of Baptist life and work, under direction of Terman Bryant, associate in Cooperative Missions Department, seated at extreme right. Seated next to him is Dr. Charles Melton, professor of religion education at Clarke and leader of the group. Standing directly behind Mr. Bryant is Mrs. Marylyn Crisler, Baptist Building hostess.



"Missionary Kid" Accepts Congratulations

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE "missionary kid," Jason Carlisle, left, from Uruguay, accepts congratulations above on being elected president of the Student Government Association for the 1971-72 year. Outgoing SGA president, Ron McKenzie, athlete from Ohio, is shown at right. Jason, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Carlisle, Jr., is the youngest of eight children. He grew up in Uruguay and this is his third year on the Carey campus. He is a ministerial student and has been active in all phases of campus life.



38th Avenue To Dedicate New Organ On 36th Anniversary, Sunday, May 23

38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg will celebrate their 36th Anniversary May 23. The day will feature Homecoming—Recognition of High School Seniors—Dedication of the New C-601 Baldwin Organ, pictured above, and an organ concert by Bene Hammel, courtesy Baldwin Music Company.

Special guests for the day will be: Dr. Clark Hensley, speaker for the morning service, Director of Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson; Dr. James C. Downey, Professor of Music, Carey College, directing the music; Bene Hammel, organist, and representative of Baldwin Music Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The pastor, Rev. V. C. Windham, states:

"God has blessed us with a new Baldwin C-601, the largest electric organ built by Baldwin. It is the only one of this model installed in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Northwest Florida. The nearest installations are in Dallas, Texas, and Atlanta, Ga. It is a very beautiful instrument indeed. The sound is so much like a pipe organ that it confuses the professionals. You have to see and hear to believe."

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channel amplification system in the Main Organ and 3-channel amplification system in the Echo or Antiphonal Organ, so as to give the best musical results.

Designed to create a truly magnificent musical dimension, the Baldwin C-601 surpasses even the most rigid requirements set by accomplished organist and perceptive listener alike. It does, in fact, surpass many pipe organs in existence today.

At noon the church will have an old-fashioned dinner basket spread and fellowship under the pecan trees, a part of the future parking lot. All former members and friends are invited.

Sunday afternoon, Baldwin Music Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Johnson Music Company of Hattiesburg will present Bene Hammel in an organ concert.

Ukrainian Congregation Dedicates Building

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (BP)—The first Ukrainian congregation to affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention, dedicated its new facility here recently. Ukrainian Baptist Church, now three years old, hopes to become an international center with other ethnic groups using its building for services.

Already the infant church supports a Polish mission and has begun work with Portuguese and Spanish speaking people.



MC Student Body Officers Inaugurated

NEWLY ELECTED Student Body Association officers for the 1971-72 school year at Mississippi College in Clinton were formally inaugurated during ceremonies at the college. Taking over the SBA reigns were, front row, left to right, Perry (Perky) Perkins, vice-president; Gayle Long, president; and Judy Freeman, secretary. Standing, left to right, are Lucy Hansford, attorney; Red Cutrer, Men's Affairs Board Chairman; Tommy Russum, treasurer; Larry Simmons, chief justice; and Beth Farmer, Women's Affairs Board Chairman. Miss Long and Miss Hansford are the first women to be elected to their respective posts.—(M. C. Photo by Joe Lee)



First, Bruce Licenses Three

In business conference, April 7, First Church, Bruce licensed three young men to the ministry. At morning worship April 25, they were presented their Certificates of License. Z. R. Hastings, chairman of deacons, led a prayer of dedication. (Pictured l. to r.: Dale Carson, Mike Davis, Bobby Burnham, and the pastor, Rev. Ed Gandy).

Devotional

The Spirit Of Conquest

1 Timothy 1:1-13

By James M. Metts, Jr., Pastor First Church, Indianapolis

People of my generation have seen a great transition in the making of today's modern day army. In World War I it took one man behind the lines in supply, medicine, reserves, etc., to support one man in the front line trenches. In World War II this ratio had risen to two men behind the lines to support one man on the front. Today in Vietnam we are told that it takes eight men behind the lines to support one man on the front.

This is not too different from the way the average church and its strength—ratio is dissipated when it comes to faithfulness in attendance, stewardship, and witnessing.

I invite each of you to accompany me on an inspection tour. Feature in your mind a large army—on paper that is. This army numbers approximately eleven million in strength! We are simply astounded as we look over the rolls of almost countless individuals who are members of this army and note their station and years engraved, their training, etc. My, what a force! What an array of manpower this is! Proudly and confidently we walk through the viewing field to look at the troops. But wait—there must be some mistake! Where is everyone? There are so many gaps in the rank! Why, the army is riddled before the battle even begins. Suddenly we hear the sad voice of the great commander-in-chief say, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord and do not the things which I say?"

Overdramatized you say? Not at all when you consider that Southern Baptists are about eleven million strong, and over three million whose names are on the rolls cannot be found. They are A.W.O.L. before the action even begins for them: Desertion isn't new in Christ's army—Judas was the first. The deserters had never cleared the stench of Judas from their trails either. Perhaps the reason for our dilemma is that we have brought the world into the church and changed the church, instead of taking the church into the world and changing the world. We need a restless faith, not a resting faith. We need to be reminded that we have been saved to serve and serve, we must. Perhaps we have watered down the gospel and made church membership too easy. Perhaps we have made the gospel acceptable to man as he is, rather than making man acceptable to the gospel as it eternally is. Perhaps we need to pray, "God, if our way be too easy, make it hard; if our burden be too light, make it heavier; if our hearts be too gay, make us sorrowful."

Christ defeated bitter hostility and yes, even death. But today He must battle a world that ignores him with an army of half-hearted followers. We do not need more people to count on our church membership rolls, but we need more people who count for God.

Heuck's Retreat Plans Homecoming

Homecoming services at Heuck's Retreat Church in Lincoln County will be Sunday, May 23.

The noon hour in Fellowship Hall will afford opportunity to renew acquaintances.

The afternoon will be devoted to a guest speaker, plus a brief memorial service.

"The offering for the day will be divided between the two ministerial students from the church, Charles Hall and Bobby Smith, unless otherwise designated," states Rev. Victor Johnson, pastor.

Southern Baptist To Head United Ministry at Harvard

BOSTON, Mass. (BP)—A Southern Baptist campus chaplain at Harvard University, Mack I. Taylor, has been named chairman of the United Ministry of Harvard and Radcliffe, an organization that coordinates the campus ministries of chaplains for 11 different religious groups on 31 campuses in the greater Boston area.

Taylor has been director of student ministries for the Greater Boston Baptist Ministries for the past two years. He will continue this full-time role in addition to his volunteer service as chairman of the interdenominational campus chaplain's organization.

Hospital Has 15 In Its Practical Nurse Class

Fifteen students are enrolled in the Student Practical Nurse class under Mrs. Eugenia Hutchins which began in February and will graduate next February.

The hospital's School of Practical Nursing has graduated 230 students so far. The school offers a 50-week course with 40 hours per week of class and clinical practice.

The students enter the clinical area early in the program. Most of their hours at first are spent in the classroom, but as the year progresses they spend more time in the hospital area.

Whether in class or in the hospital, though, the students spend eight hours a day in the school for 50 weeks, with a one-week holiday about the middle of their year.

Students do not have to pay any tuition. They do purchase their books and their uniforms (about \$50 for both). They do not draw any pay during their schooling.

Off The Record

Illiterate Know-how

After several hours of trying to put a newly-bought gadget together according to the instruction sheet, the buyer in desperation took it down to the old gardener who was working in the yard. The old man looked at the gadget for a minute and then quickly assembled it. "That's amazing how you got that together without even looking at the instructions," the man said.

"Son," said the older, "I can't read. And if ye can't read, ye've got to think."

Discretion is closing your mouth before somebody else decides to.

HANDYMAN

When I do-it-myself There are stark imperfections. It is then I go back And read the directions.



Carey Hosts Unusual Visitor

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE played host recently to an unusual visitor from Monrovia, Liberia (West Africa). Mrs. Jennie Bernard was sent to Carey by the National League of Nurses to investigate Carey's new bachelor degree program in nursing which was consummated last year by a merger with the Mather School of Nursing in New Orleans. Selected as one of five new bachelor programs in the whole United States, Carey was visited by Mrs. Bernard. She is head of the School of Nursing for the J.F. Kennedy Hospital in Liberia which is seeking to merge with the University of Liberia into a bachelor program. Shown looking over the Carey curriculum with Mrs. Bernard are Mrs. Shirley Morrison, Dean of Carey's School of Nursing, and Dr. J. M. Ernest, Carey's Academic Vice-president.

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